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May 24, 2012

Ms. Laura S. Black
NH Division of Historical Resources
19 Pillsbury Street
Concord, NH 03301-3570

**Re: Abandonment and Discontinuance of Hampton Branch
Dkt. No. AB 32 (Sub-No. 104X) and AB 355 (Sub-No. 40X)**

Dear Ms. Black:

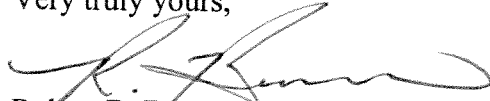
Pursuant to our joint Teleconference call among NHDR, Boston and Maine Corporation and the STB, I am providing this letter of consultation requested by NHDR to delineate the scope of B&M's Abandonment project.

Boston and Maine intends, upon consummation of its Abandonment application, to salvage the track material that exists on the segment of line. Salvage activities involve the removal of the existing rail by means of industry acceptable equipment that operates both on rail and on ground. The methodology exists of removing the existing railroad spikes and the loading of the iron rails upon an industry standard rail truck to be transported to their destination. It is not expected that the rail bed or any structures (i.e. bridges, culverts, buildings, etc.) shall be disturbed by this process.

Upon completion of the salvage efforts, B&M expects to sell the land either to the State of New Hampshire or to any other interested party(s) in whole or in part (i.e. towns, abutters, etc.). What use any purchaser makes of the land after conveyance is not within the personal knowledge of B&M.

I hope this clarifies B&M's intent involving the Abandonment application now before the STB. As always, if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. Burns', written over the typed name.

Robert B. Burns, Esq.
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Cc: David Navecki, Surface Transportation Board